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INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES, MARCH QUARTER 1967

This bulletin contains statistics of industrial disputes, involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more, for the quarter ended 31 March 1967. In addition statistics of causes, duration and methods of settlement for the year ended 31 December 1966 are shown in tables 4 to 6.

Table 1 shows a summary of disputes for Australia since 1953, table 2 the details of disputes in industry groups for each State and Australia, and table 3 a summary of disputes in each State in recent years.

For further information about these statistics see Labour Report No. 51, 1964.

TABLE 1. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number	Workers involved			Working days lost		Estimated loss in wages (\$'000)
		Directly	Indirectly (b)	Total	Number	Average per worker involved	
1953	1,459	483,800	12,246	496,046	1,050,830	2.12	6,675
1954	1,490	355,580	14,494	370,074	901,639	2.44	6,042
1955	1,532	424,340	20,307	444,647	1,010,884	2.27	6,621
1956	1,306	414,590	13,393	427,983	1,121,383	2.62	7,934
1957	1,103	325,995	11,048	337,043	630,213	1.87	4,617
1958	987	275,573	7,276	282,849	439,890	1.56	3,181
1959	869	229,469	8,002	237,471	365,039	1.54	2,754
1960	1,145	592,053	11,226	603,279	725,107	1.20	5,854
1961	815	288,526	11,831	300,357	606,811	2.02	5,448
1962	1,183	330,823	23,030	353,853	508,755	1.44	4,244
1963	1,250	398,567	14,141	412,708	581,568	1.41	4,991
1964	1,334	528,817	16,811	545,628	911,358	1.67	8,561
1965	1,346	460,234	14,810	475,044	815,869	1.72	8,198
1966	1,273	384,970	9,881	394,851	732,084	1.85	7,302
1965	March Qtr	311	119,590	123,228	260,096	2.11	2,857
	June "	293	109,002	112,047	142,925	1.28	1,408
	Sept. "	461	175,582	181,132	288,602	1.59	2,735
	Dec. "	281	56,060	58,637	124,246	2.12	1,198
1966	March Qtr	311	136,810	139,015	221,141	1.59	2,205
	June "	334	93,823	96,500	160,249	1.66	1,564
	Sept. "	341	85,267	85,994	176,452	2.05	1,763
	Dec. "	287	69,070	73,342	174,242	2.38	1,770
1967	March Qtr	332	71,233	72,140	97,302	1.35	973

(a) Refers only to disputes involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more.

(b) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred, but not themselves parties to the disputes.

TABLE 2. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : INDUSTRY GROUPS

QUARTER ENDED MARCH 1967 (b)

Industry group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (c)
NUMBER OF DISPUTES							
Agriculture, grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal mining	39	..	1	..	..	..	40
Other mining and quarrying	2	1	1	..	..	..	4
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, metals, vehicles, etc.	75	9	10	6	..	..	100
Textiles, clothing and footwear	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Food, drink and tobacco	12	7	4	..	4	..	27
Sawmilling, furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paper, printing, etc.	5	1	1	1	..	..	8
Other manufacturing	18	3	..	..	..	1	22
<u>Total, manufacturing</u>	110	20	15	7	4	1	157
Building and construction	24	11	11	1	1	..	50
Railway and tramway services	2	1	2	..	..	..	5
Road and air transport	9	3	4	2	3	2	23
Shipping	4	..	..	..	..	..	4
Stevedoring	10	11	2	2	..	..	27
Amusement, hotels, personal service, etc.	6	1	1	..	..	..	8
Other industries (d)	6	4	4	..	..	..	14
<u>TOTAL</u>	212	52	41	12	8	3	332

WORKERS INVOLVED (e)

Agriculture, grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal mining	6,290	..	88	..	..	..	6,378
Other mining and quarrying	174	18	33	..	..	..	225
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, metals, vehicles, etc.	11,732	1,518	4,395	1,542	..	..	19,187
Textiles, clothing and footwear	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Food, drink and tobacco	934	1,816	486	..	1,572	..	4,808
Sawmilling, furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paper, printing, etc.	1,282	33	9	116	..	..	1,440
Other manufacturing	2,362	213	..	..	..	52	2,627
<u>Total, manufacturing</u>	16,310	3,580	4,890	1,658	1,572	52	28,062
Building and construction	2,910	702	1,770	83	190	..	5,843
Railway and tramway services	102	1,834	108	..	..	..	2,044
Road and air transport	1,295	756	605	155	89	79	2,979
Shipping	142	..	..	..	..	..	142
Stevedoring	1,765	4,520	35	432	..	..	6,968
Amusement, hotels, personal service, etc.	15,220	2,500	220	..	..	..	17,940
Other industries (d)	362	596	601	..	..	..	1,559
<u>TOTAL</u>	44,570	14,506	8,350	2,328	1,851	131	72,140

(a) Refers only to disputes involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more.

(b) An industrial dispute involving workers in more than one industry group in a State or Territory is counted once only in the statistics of "number of disputes". In such a case it is included in the industry group which had the largest number of workers involved. Figures of "workers involved", "working days lost" and "estimated loss in wages" are allocated to their respective industry groups.

For footnotes (c), (d), (e) and (f) see page 3.

TABLE 2. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : INDUSTRY GROUPS
 QUARTER ENDED MARCH 1967 (b) - continued

Industry group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (c)
WORKING DAYS LOST							
Agriculture, grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal mining	6,546	..	181	..	..	..	6,727
Other mining and quarrying	714	485	33	..	..	..	1,232
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, metals							
vehicles, etc.	27,697	2,596	4,787	2,252	..	..	37,332
Textiles, clothing and footwear	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Food, drink and tobacco	1,768	4,999	377	..	2,171	..	9,315
Sawmilling, furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paper, printing, etc.	1,497	33	97	560	..	..	2,187
Other manufacturing	4,622	131	..	..	..	45	4,798
<u>Total, manufacturing</u>	35,584	7,759	5,261	2,812	2,171	45	53,632
Building and construction	10,278	2,373	2,927	290	190	..	16,442
Railway and tramway services	93	683	83	..	..	..	859
Road and air transport	1,431	861	1,141	159	70	79	3,741
Shipping	123	..	..	..	..	..	123
Stevedoring	1,041	1,371	31	333	..	..	2,934
Amusement, hotels, personal service, etc.	7,871	1,250	110	..	..	..	9,231
Other industries (d)	268	1,429	684	..	..	..	2,381
<u>TOTAL</u>	63,949	16,211	10,451	3,594	2,431	124	97,302

ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES (\$'000) (f)

Agriculture, grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal mining	64.4	..	2.5	..	..	..	66.9
Other mining and quarrying	6.2	6.0	0.2	..	..	..	12.5
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, metals, vehicles, etc.	267.6	23.3	44.8	21.1	..	..	356.8
Textiles, clothing and footwear	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Food, drink and tobacco	16.2	47.6	2.8	..	18.8	..	85.3
Sawmilling, furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paper, printing, etc.	15.9	0.3	1.2	6.4	..	..	23.9
Other manufacturing	46.0	1.9	..	..	..	0.5	48.4
<u>Total, manufacturing</u>	345.7	73.1	48.8	27.5	18.8	0.5	514.3
Building and construction	113.8	25.8	32.7	3.0	2.9	..	181.9
Railway and tramway services	1.0	8.2	0.8	..	..	..	10.0
Road and air transport	15.7	10.2	16.0	1.9	0.8	0.9	45.5
Shipping	1.2	..	..	..	..	..	1.2
Stevedoring	12.0	15.2	0.3	3.2	..	..	32.5
Amusement, hotels, personal service, etc.	78.0	10.0	0.7	..	..	..	88.8
Other industries (d)	1.6	11.9	6.5	..	..	..	20.0
<u>TOTAL</u>	639.6	160.4	108.5	35.6	22.4	1.4	973.4

For footnotes (a) and (b) see page 2.

- (c) Includes disputes occurring in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.
- (d) Includes Communications; Finance and property; Wholesale and retail trade; Public authority (n.e.i.) and Community and business services.
- (e) Includes workers indirectly involved, i.e. persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred, but not themselves parties to the disputes.
- (f) For "estimated loss in wages" any discrepancies between totals and sums of industry groups are due to rounding.

TABLE 3. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : STATES

Period		N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (b)
NUMBER OF DISPUTES								
	1962	752	166	175	31	28	18	1,183
	1963	817	180	160	35	28	11	1,250
	1964	828	206	198	55	26	8	1,334
	1965	832	208	186	48	33	17	1,346
	1966	835	179	171	42	25	14	1,273
1966	March Qtr	216	34	39	10	5	6	311
	June "	210	57	41	10	11	2	334
	Sept. "	223	48	47	15	3	4	341
	Dec. "	186	40	44	7	6	2	287
1967	March Qtr	212	52	41	12	8	3	332
WORKERS INVOLVED (c)								
	1962	208,967	73,245	41,766	11,848	8,363	5,126	353,853
	1963	218,976	87,978	44,313	12,045	42,584	5,019	412,708
	1964	229,076	190,075	92,696	23,040	6,165	1,898	545,628
	1965	251,056	121,798	53,569	28,466	12,611	5,131	475,044
	1966	210,016	101,490	68,731	8,760	2,876	2,541	394,851
1966	March Qtr	33,883	61,655	41,335	1,696	258	170	139,015
	June "	64,917	18,059	9,382	2,139	1,621	211	96,500
	Sept. "	56,415	16,111	9,187	3,712	76	464	85,994
	Dec. "	54,801	5,665	8,827	1,213	921	1,696	73,342
1967	March Qtr	44,570	14,506	8,350	2,328	1,851	131	72,140
WORKING DAYS LOST								
	1962	303,400	100,606	75,951	14,599	6,300	3,993	508,755
	1963	307,440	172,963	54,861	8,957	31,969	2,933	581,568
	1964	320,568	359,567	157,571	62,785	7,148	1,939	911,358
	1965	367,942	214,300	189,941	26,379	10,020	3,894	815,869
	1966	400,111	219,605	80,692	20,903	6,239	3,119	732,084
1966	March Qtr	65,223	119,563	28,902	6,557	335	525	221,141
	June "	90,876	42,508	14,768	6,227	5,142	317	160,249
	Sept. "	114,679	42,853	11,781	6,432	160	431	176,452
	Dec. "	129,333	14,681	25,241	1,687	602	1,846	174,242
1967	March Qtr	63,949	16,211	10,451	3,594	2,431	124	97,302
ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES (\$'000)								
	1962	2,571.7	837.3	598.8	118.8	50.0	35.1	4,244.1
	1963	2,629.5	1,510.2	468.1	81.9	252.5	26.8	4,991.5
	1964	2,996.2	3,428.2	1,453.3	585.2	62.6	18.0	8,560.9
	1965	3,479.1	2,061.6	2,221.2	253.3	100.8	41.4	8,198.5
	1966	4,026.0	2,097.2	860.8	199.7	64.5	34.8	7,302.5
1966	March Qtr	712.6	1,135.8	287.1	59.9	3.5	6.1	2,205.3
	June "	907.9	378.1	156.4	55.9	54.0	4.3	1,564.3
	Sept. "	1,122.1	433.1	131.6	67.3	1.7	5.9	1,763.0
	Dec. "	1,283.5	150.3	285.7	16.7	5.4	18.6	1,770.0
1967	March Qtr	639.6	160.4	108.5	35.6	22.4	1.4	973.4

- (a) Refers only to disputes involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more.
- (b) Includes disputes occurring in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.
- (c) Includes workers indirectly involved, i.e. persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the disputes.

TABLE 4. - CAUSES OF INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : AUSTRALIA, 1966

Cause of dispute (b)	Coal mining	Stevedoring	Other industries	All industries
NUMBER OF DISPUTES				
Wages, hours and leave	5	2	318	325
Physical working conditions and managerial policy	108	41	565	714
Trade unionism	23	5	115	143
Other	76	1	14	91
<u>Total</u>	212	49	1,012	1,273
WORKERS INVOLVED (c)				
Wages, hours and leave	3,262	2,350	200,001	205,613
Physical working conditions and managerial policy	18,202	4,206	102,878	125,286
Trade unionism	2,039	2,191	18,163	22,393
Other	23,184	232	18,143	41,559
<u>Total</u>	46,687	8,979	339,185	394,851
WORKING DAYS LOST				
Wages, hours and leave	4,248	958	387,252	392,458
Physical working conditions and managerial policy	37,367	2,288	230,220	269,875
Trade unionism	2,710	1,341	28,834	32,885
Other	23,545	185	13,136	36,866
<u>Total</u>	67,870	4,772	659,442	732,084

For footnotes see Table 6 next page.

TABLE 5. - DURATION OF INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : AUSTRALIA, 1966

Duration (Working Days)	Coal mining	Stevedoring	Other industries	All industries
NUMBER OF DISPUTES				
1 day and less	148	37	405	590
2 days and more than 1 day	37	10	245	292
3 days and more than 2 days	12	2	131	145
Over 3 days and less than 5 days	9	..	122	131
5 days and less than 10 days	5	..	74	79
10 days and less than 20 days	1	..	31	32
20 days and less than 40 days	..	..	2	2
40 days and over	..	..	2	2
<u>Total</u>	212	49	1,012	1,273
WORKERS INVOLVED (c)				
1 day and less	23,157	8,279	190,943	222,379
2 days and more than 1 day	18,900	583	82,894	102,377
3 days and more than 2 days	1,103	117	20,095	21,315
Over 3 days and less than 5 days	1,887	..	20,746	22,633
5 days and less than 10 days	648	..	14,336	14,984
10 days and less than 20 days	992	..	7,140	8,132
20 days and less than 40 days	..	..	2,828	2,828
40 days and over	..	..	203	203
<u>Total</u>	46,687	8,979	339,185	394,851
WORKING DAYS LOST				
1 day and less	15,844	3,544	126,133	145,521
2 days and more than 1 day	26,914	924	144,438	172,276
3 days and more than 2 days	2,892	304	51,033	54,229
Over 3 days and less than 5 days	6,725	..	80,978	87,703
5 days and less than 10 days	3,468	..	92,461	95,929
10 days and less than 20 days	12,027	..	88,901	100,928
20 days and less than 40 days	..	..	62,454	62,454
40 days and over	..	..	13,044	13,044
<u>Total</u>	67,870	4,772	659,442	732,084

For footnotes see Table 6 next page.

TABLE 6. - METHODS OF SETTLEMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : AUSTRALIA, 1966

Method of settlement (b)	Coal mining	Steve- doring	Other industries	All industries
NUMBER OF DISPUTES				
By private negotiation	29	1	242	272
By mediation not based on legislation	..	..	..	..
State legislation -				
(a) Under State Conciliation, etc. legislation	..	1	213	214
(b) By reference to State Government officials	..	..	..	..
Commonwealth and Commonwealth-State Legislation -				
(a) Industrial Tribunals under -				
(i) Conciliation and Arbitration Act	..	2	158	160
(ii) Coal Industry Acts	14	..	..	14
(iii) Stevedoring Industry Act	..	..	..	..
(iv) Other Acts	..	..	6	6
(b) By reference to Commonwealth Government officials	..	24	..	24
By closing down establishment permanently	..	..	1	1
By resumption without negotiation	169	21	391	581
<u>Total (d)</u>	212	49	1,011	1,272

WORKERS INVOLVED (c)

By private negotiation	2,774	95	31,352	34,221
By mediation not based on legislation	..	..	..	..
State legislation -				
(a) Under State Conciliation, etc. legislation	..	65	37,541	37,606
(b) By reference to State Government officials	..	..	..	..
Commonwealth and Commonwealth-State legislation -				
(a) Industrial Tribunals under -				
(i) Conciliation and Arbitration Act	..	302	22,914	23,216
(ii) Coal Industry Acts	1,677	..	..	1,677
(iii) Stevedoring Industry Act	..	..	..	..
(iv) Other Acts	..	..	5,652	5,652
(b) By reference to Commonwealth Government officials	..	1,750	..	1,750
By closing down establishment permanently	..	..	11	11
By resumption without negotiation	42,236	6,767	241,697	290,700
<u>Total (d)</u>	46,687	8,979	339,167	394,833

WORKING DAYS LOST

By private negotiation	5,622	10	131,855	137,487
By mediation not based on legislation	..	..	..	..
State legislation -				
(a) Under State Conciliation, etc. legislation	..	180	113,317	113,497
(b) By reference to State Government officials	..	..	..	..
Commonwealth and Commonwealth-State legislation -				
(a) Industrial Tribunals under -				
(i) Conciliation and Arbitration Act	..	624	96,125	96,749
(ii) Coal Industry Acts	5,048	..	..	5,048
(iii) Stevedoring Industry Act	..	..	..	..
(iv) Other Acts	..	..	5,506	5,506
(b) By reference to Commonwealth Government officials	..	1,408	..	1,408
By closing down establishment permanently	..	..	594	594
By resumption without negotiation	57,200	2,550	311,803	371,553
<u>Total (d)</u>	67,870	4,772	659,200	731,842

- (a) Refers only to disputes involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more.
 (b) For nature of classification see pages 210-211 of Labour Report No. 51, 1964.
 (c) Includes workers indirectly involved, i.e. persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the disputes.
 (d) Differences between the total figures of this table and the corresponding totals of other tables are due to disputes which were incomplete at the end of the year.

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